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VIA ECF

Hon. Lewis J. Liman, District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
Courtroom 15C
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: *State of New York ex rel. American Advisory Services LLC v. Egon Zehnder International, Inc. and Egon Zehnder International AG*, No. 1:21-cv-06883 (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Liman:

We represent Relator in this action. We write to provide the Court with the status of the fee-shifting issue that remains before the Court.

In the Court's August 31, 2022 Order, the Court asked the State and Relator to notify the Court by today of whether an agreement had been reached between them as to the Relator's share herein. At the oral argument earlier that day, it appeared to Relator's counsel that the Court wished to learn the status of the attorneys' fees and costs issue on the same schedule.

Relator has made a proposal to Defendants' counsel for its attorneys' fees and costs. Defendants have taken the position that the Relator's share issue must be resolved before they will respond to Relator's proposal. (Attached is copy of the e-mail exchange with these communications.) Relator contends that there is no relationship between the issues and that there is no cause for delay in determining whether the fee issue can be resolved short of motion practice. Relator respectfully requests that the Court order that the parties report to the Court by two weeks from today whether the attorneys' fees and costs issue has been resolved and, if not, for the parties to propose a briefing schedule to the Court.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall M. Fox'.

Randall M. Fox

From: Andrew Hruska <AHruska@KSLAW.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 1:06:07 PM
To: David Kovel <dkovel@kmlp.com>
Cc: Kyle Sheahen <KSheahen@KSLAW.com>
Subject: Re: EZI

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David,

We do not think that the issue is ripe yet. We can discuss after the resolution of the relator's share issue.

Regards,

Andrew

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From: David Kovel <dkovel@kmlp.com>
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To: Andrew Hruska <AHruska@KSLAW.com>
Subject: Re: EZI

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Hi Andrew,
Will you have any response for me today? Please advise.
Best,
David



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From: David Kovel <dkovel@kmlp.com>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 5:07:55 PM
To: ahruska@kslaw.com <ahruska@kslaw.com>
Subject: Re: EZI

Hi Andrew,

Thanks for the call earlier. I'm addressing two issues we discussed by phone.

To give you a sense of our firm's hours, they were 2,004 as of early May and have grown since then. As far as the upcoming communication with the court, I will paste Randy's take below. I'm happy to discuss further as necessary.

Best regards,

David

QUOTE:

In its 8/31 Order, the Court stated " The State and Relator are ordered to report to the Court no later than September 28, 2022 whether they have reached an agreement on the Relator's share and, if not, to propose a briefing schedule to address that issue." The Order did not refer to the open issue of attorneys' fees and costs, but during the oral argument earlier on 8/31, the Court had asked the parties how long it would take to address attorneys' fees and costs and the parties agreed it should take only a couple of weeks and that they would act with dispatch. Based on the oral argument, it appears that the Court expects to hear the status of the attorneys' fees and costs issue at the same time as it expects to hear about the relator's share issue, and it is our current intention to provide a report to the Court.

From: David Kovel
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 10:30:52 AM
To: ahruska@kslaw.com <ahruska@kslaw.com>
Subject: EZI

Hi Andrew,

I left you a voicemail just now regarding Egon Zehnder. Are there some times today that you'd be able to talk? I can be reached (intermittently) at 718-564-9335.

Best,

David Kovel

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